



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
NORMAN FORWARD SALES TAX CITIZEN FINANCIAL
OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING

**Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,
OK 73069**

Friday, May 09, 2025 at 3:30 PM

MINUTES

The Norman Forward Sales Tax Citizen Financial Oversight Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session at 201 West Gray, Norman, on Friday, May 09, 2025 at 3:30 PM and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Andy Rieger
Board member Cindy Rogers
Board member Erik Paulson
Board member Linda Price
Board member Zachary Simpson

ABSENT

Board member Alva Brockus
Boardmember Misty Grantham
Board member Andy Sherrer

OTHERS

Anthony Francisco, Director of Finance
Jacob Huckabaa, Finance Technician
Jason Olsen, Director of Parks & Recreation
Dannielle Risenhoover, Admin. Tech. IV

MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 14, 2025

Member Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2025 meeting. Member Paulson duly seconded the motion. Hearing no objections to the approval of the minutes from March 14, 2025, the motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:

Forward Citizen Financial Oversight Board Minutes from January 10, 2025

REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Anthony Francisco gave the report. Francisco stated that the sales tax revenue has continued on a “flat to negative course” that has affected the Norman Forward Fund. “I don’t think that there should be anything that will cause us to make any programmatic or project changes at this point; but again, we hope that sales tax will pick up,” Francisco said. He believes that the US is on a negative trend economically. He expects inflation to increase due to tariffs. “As it relates to sales tax, inflation is good,” Francisco said. The Norman Forward Fund is down approximately \$2.5 million compared to what was originally projected.

Chair Rieger commented on how use tax revenue has increased with the growth of on-line shopping. Francisco replied, “Any vendor that sells more than \$100,000 within a state, they have to collect sales tax.”

Francisco believes that the issue of cities not receiving the correct grocery sales tax revenue has been resolved.

Member Price made a motion to approve the Financial Reports and Member Simpson duly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Items submitted for the record:

Norman Forward Citizen Financial Oversight Board Financial Reports

3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED COUNCIL ACTIONS

The City continues to negotiate with the State of Oklahoma Department of Mental Health on the purchase price of the Griffin Soccer Complex and Sutton Wilderness Park. Funds from the Norman Forward Fund, up to approximately \$1.3 million, will go toward the purchase of these properties. The rental fees the City has paid toward these properties will also go toward their purchase price.

Items submitted for the record:

March 18, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Agenda Item #1

March 25, 2025 City Council Agenda Item #19

April 1, 2025, City Council Special Meeting Agenda Item #1

4. AD HOC COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

No Ad Hoc report was given.

5. PROJECT MANAGER REPORTS

Jason Olsen gave the report. Centurion Parkway at Saxon Park is under construction. William Morgan Park has been completed. The next park project will be Lions Park. The City of Norman is working with Norman Public Schools to do a “land exchange” in conjunction with improving Northeast Lions Park. This land exchange will allow the City to place a playground in a more

highly visible place as well as provide Norman Public Schools with more parking space at Eisenhower Elementary. The Young Family Athletic Center pickleball and sand volleyball courts are completed; however, sod and sidewalks need to be installed.

The Central Library continues to remain closed. The parties believed to be responsible for the library's damage have been identified and legal teams are involved. The books in the library have not been relocated. Olsen states that he is working with Pioneer Library Systems to find a suitable storage solution.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Anthony Francisco advised the Board that Member Misty Grantham resigned from the Norman Forward Citizens Financial Oversight Board (CFOB). He requested that the Board encourage any residents interested in serving on the Board to apply with the City Clerk's office. The CFOB now has two vacancies. The vacant positions are not ward specific.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Member Paulson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:53 PM.

Andy Rieger, Chair
Norman Forward Sales Tax Citizen Financial Oversight Board